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Upon instructions, I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement made by the delegation of Brazil on 23 November 1993 in the consultations prior to the issuance on that date of the presidential statement in connection with the consideration by the Security Council of the item "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait" (S/26787).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement made by the delegation of Brazil on 23 November 1993 in the consultations prior to the issuance of the presidential statement in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "The situation between Iraq and Kuwait" (S/26787)

In connection with the draft presidential statement on the recent border incidents between Iraq and Kuwait, I wish to state the following.

Brazil has consistently supported United Nations action to ensure full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kuwait. Any attempt to question that sovereignty and territorial integrity must be rejected as unacceptable.

As we have made clear on previous occasions when this matter was taken up, it is the understanding of the Brazilian Government that the decisions taken by the Security Council with respect to the international boundary between Iraq and Kuwait in resolution 687 (1993), or as a result of that resolution, as is the case in the proposed presidential statement, can only be justified in the light of the exceptional and unique circumstances in which those decisions were taken and do not establish a legal precedent.